



Criminal Justice Research Center Internship Program

Purpose

The Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) manages an innovative, interdisciplinary undergraduate internship program providing students with unique opportunities to gain real-world experience in the field of criminology, justice and law. The internship program was designed with the University mission and its goals in mind. That is, it provides unsurpassed student-centered learning experiences, addresses some of the world's most pressing problems, provides outreach and actively engages with community partners, and is based on sound resource stewardship. Students bring research skills to bear on pressing issues including the Innocence Program, human trafficking, crime control, mass incarceration, reducing criminal re-offending and policing.

Impact

With an eye towards the university's mission of the creation and dissemination of knowledge, the primary group that benefits are high performing interdisciplinary OSU students. Currently 32 students are working as CJRC interns in the community (since its inception in 2012, CJRC has placed 112 students as interns). Over 90% are planning to attend, or have been accepted into, either law school or graduate programs. Diversity is a goal and benchmark of our program. Of 32 students currently placed (representing 22 disciplines): 24 are female, 6 are African American, 4 are international students.

CJRC faculty affiliates and other Ohio State faculty who are seeking professional contact, research data and want to develop cooperative efforts with community partners to address, study and solve social problems; several conjoint grants proposal and research projects have been developed from the development of this relationship.

The students get excellent professional experiences alongside research practitioners, develop professional networks, build resumes and skills for graduate or professional school, and in some instances have directly secured employment.

Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

Sociology/Criminology
Economics
Psychology
Actuarial Science
Math
Geography
Business
Public Affairs
National Security Studies
International Studies
Political Science
History
English
Women's Studies
Arabic
Spanish
French
Chinese
Journalism
Social Work
Agriculture
Pre-Law concentrations

Community Partners Involved

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Ohio Department of Youth Services
Ohio Public Defender
Columbus Police Department
Franklin County Department of Homeland Security
Ohio Department of Public Safety



How you can get involved:

- Sign up to volunteer at one of our partner agencies
- Complete a formal application for a research internship in a professional setting
- Attend one of our sponsored monthly conjoint community-university talks on topics related to criminal justice and social problems.
- Volunteer to assist with one of our ongoing agency research projects
- Assist with publicity, marketing, website, and other activities related to community partners, ongoing seminars, monthly talks and current research projects.

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